

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Mar 25 00:44:53 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 21:40:14 -0600
Message-Id: <9503250643.22619.AB@smrouter.AAC.COM>
From: Johnson_Dan@aac.com
Subject: "round" vs. "winged" emblems?

I've never asked anyone this question, though it seems from its use here and in ads that it should be common knowledge. Having barely seen, much less touched, Collins gear, what is the difference and significance between so-called "round" and "winged" emblems?

TIA,
-d
Johnson_Dan@aac.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 20:18:03 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 17:29:51 -0600
Message-Id: <64364.ddillman@igc.apc.org>
From: "Dick Dillman" <ddillman@igc.apc.org>
Subject: Re: 500 KHZ CW

On Mon, 20 Mar 1995 09:13:09 -0600 (CST),
Conard Murray <cfm5723@tnitech.edu> wrote:

>Hi Dick... I sure enjoyed it.... tell us more!

Ah, now you've done it. Well, during one visit to the KPH transmitter site in Bolinas I met the chief rigger, Jim Bournes. This was no minor job as the majority of the antennas were supported by a small forest of telephone poles with everything from Sterba curtains to RCA "fishbone" antennas forming spiderwebs that even an enthusiast such as myself had trouble figuring out. And then there were 110ft. tall poles formed on one telephone pole on top of another, the whole thing supported by a maze of guy wires. It was Jim's job to keep everything up, untangled and slinging the RF even in the worst storms. He was medium height but barrel chested and with the big hands of a real workman. To him, he did a job. To me, he was a hero.

Years later I visited a ham in Bolinas, now deceased. I believe the call was N6CG. In his shop, I saw a broad leather climbing belt. It had a brass plaque on it that caught my attention. On it was inscribed "To Jim Bournes - A Rigger's Rigger, A Man's Man". That's an epitaph that's hard to beat.

73,

Dick Dillman

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>73 de Conard
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>| Cookeville, TN 38505 / \ / \
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 09:50:41 1995

Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 06:59:38 -0600

Message-Id: <Chameleon.4.01.2.950323234537.jproc@>

From: jproc@worldlinx.com

Subject: 6AM6 Tube

Dear BA's,

Does anyone know of a direct substitute for a 6AM6 tube. This is the power amplifier driver tube for a British built KW2000 transceiver circa 1966 and I am looking for a spare. Someone I know needed this tube for a rig he was repairing and imported it from England for 55 pounds (nearly \$CDN110) including shipping! I can't succomb to the same treachry.

Regards,

Jerry Proc VE3FAB
E-mail: jproc@worldlinx.com
Radio Restoration Volunteer
HMCS Haida Toronto, Ontario

From boatanchors@the porch.com Fri Mar 24 19:13:47 1995

Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 11:27:12 -0600

Message-Id: <9503241728.AA0193@hqsmtp.ops.3com.com>

From: Joe Reda/HQ/3Com <Joe_Reda@3mail.3Com.COM>

Subject: Re: 6AM6 Tube

I don't know of a substitute for the 6AM6 but seems like I remember that they can be had quite cheaply from Antique Electronic Supply in Tempe, AZ??

\Joe KC6TXU

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Mar 25 00:36:13 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 21:48:42 -0600
Message-Id: <"Macintosh */PRMD=MOT/ADMD=MOT/C=US/"@MHS>
From: Don_Burns-EPUR01@email.mot.com
Subject: 75A-4 Speaker

Yes, it is indeed the model 270G-3 with a 10 inch speaker. I'm looking too, so if someone has several ;-) let us both know.

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Don Burns K4GHD Plantation, FL
<epur01@email.mot.com>

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 22:00:38 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 19:17:00 -0600
Message-Id: <Pine.BSI.3.91.950324150445.1502A-100000@laurel.us.net>
From: Tony Stalls <ras@us.net>
Subject: <didn't bother with a subject>

On Thu, 23 Mar 1995 Larry Kenan wrote:

> > Has anyone tried a product called "Hammerite" to refinish a metal
> > cabinet with a hammertone-style finish? Is there anything else I
> > should look for that you have tried and found acceptable?
> > Thanks .. Grant/NQ5T
>
> I think that Hammerite is a British brandname, at least I used to see
> it advertised on the tellie over there about two years ago.
> Is it available in the U.S.?

I've used Hammerite and found it to be the best looking paint finish for radios I've found in a spray can. It give a hammertone like finish similar to the old Bud minibox and Hammarlund cabinets. I highly recommend that you follow the directions on the can. I also suggest that you don't get in too big a hurry. Experiment on some scrap metal before you shoot your project.

There are several hardware stores in the Northern Virginia area that routinely stock it, so it must be in normal distribution channels. It's made by Hunting Specialized Products, Inc., Lebanon, OH 45036

73,

Tony
K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Mar 25 00:42:50 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 20:23:19 -0600
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950324180636.4294D-100000@coyote.rain.org>
From: "Ray L. Mote" <rmote@rain.org>
Subject: ABATU Radio??

A good friend of mine in Memphis was a Navy radio operator/technician in WW2. He tells me that the radio techs who were able to do operating as well were really in demand. They went to Radio Material School either in the D.C. area (Anacostia NAS?) or Corpus Christi, Texas. Later in the war, they had such a drastic need for people and were having such problems getting high-caliber folks that they began to separate the functions, having some as radio operator-gunners, and the better ones as radio technicians.

He states that the "TU" was obviously "Training Unit". ABATU was most probably "Aviation Basic Airman Training Unit", or something closely akin to that. This would have been training for those non-technical flying types who only had a need to operate the beasts. I have copies of the various versions of the Radio Material School course notes, and would like to compare them with your material. I'd be glad to defray copying costs if you'll contact me offline.

The "expert" is Walter Chambers, P.O. Box 241371, Memphis, TN 38124-1371. You can contact him at (901) 761-9381.

Ray Mote, W6RIC (805) 985-6048.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 08:26:42 1995
Date: Thu, 23 Mar 1995 07:18:18 -0600
Message-Id: <2F719134@MSMGATE.TRACOR.COM>
From: "Kasprzyk, Emil" <EFK@ENG2.TRACOR.COM>
Subject: RE: AN/FRR-59 Extension Cable

Try Tony Snider, 512 Princess Anne Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23457, TEL 804-721-7129. He is a small surplus dealer who has mostly Navy stuff including some WRR stuff.

Emil KC5IZ

>.From: boatanchors
>To: Multiple recipients of list
>Subject: AN/FRR-59 Extension Cable
>Date: Thursday, March 23, 1995 1:45AM

>I'm looking for the extension cable used to service the AN/FRR-59
?(or WRR-2) receiver. Anyone have any idea where to start looking
>for this (or have one for sale hopefully)?

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 13:03:22 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 09:55:06 -0600
Message-Id: <Pine.BSI.3.91.950324053311.4541A-100000@laurel.us.net>
From: Tony Stalls <ras@us.net>
Subject: Re: B-17 radio operation

On Fri, 24 Mar 1995 rdkeys@unity.ncsu.edu wrote:

> > Interestingly, the BC-375 uses the fuselage as
> > an antenna.
>
> Tony, that seems curious.....
>
> There should be a trailing wire port for the BC-375, and an HF
> wire antenna from the operators shack to the tail. The BC-375
> should be bonded to ground on the airframe as the bottom side
> of the antenna loop (the capacity to ground, or the counterpoise).
> Please clarify.....

Bob,

There is a trailing wire antenna, but according to the illustration in the manual, the wire antenna to the tail is the "command antenna". There's no mention of how the BC-375 was grounded, or if it was. This is a pilot training manual and there's not a lot of specific information.

The text in total about the liaison set follows:

<BEGIN QUOTE>
LIAISON TRANSMITTER

The transmitter, on the aft bulkhead of the radio compartment, insures communication with aircraft in flight and ground stations over distances up to 3000 miles, depending on atmospheric conditions and method of transmission. The usual reliable distances are 250 miles on voice, 500

miles on tone and 750 miles on CW. Only 4 jackbox positions (radio operator, pilot, copilot and navigator) can transmit on the liaison set.

This set has 7 interchangeable tuning units covering frequencies from 360-650 Kc and 1500-12,500 Kc, and including a low band from 200-500 Kc in some models. For tuning this set, see communication section of B-17 T.O.'s.

The liaison receiver on the radio operator's table covers a frequency range from 1500-18,000 Kc. It uses the same antenna as the transmitter: the skin of the airplane. This is connected to a throw switch on the left side wall. This switch can change over to the trailing antenna (also on the left side wall). The trailing antenna is operated from a control box to the right of the change-over switch.

<END QUOTE>

> Can you xerox me the title page and the page with that info, as
> well as the page showing the installation?

Regrettably, I do not have ready access to a copying machine that would't require my tearing the page out of the book.

73,

Tony
K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 07:04:01 1995
Date: Thu, 23 Mar 1995 18:39:04 -0600
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950323165444.3224A-100000@wabash.iac.net>
From: Bill Strangfeld <bstrang@iac.net>
Subject: Clegg Thor schematic

Looking for a copy of the schematic for a Clegg Thor 6 meter set.
Just need the diagram, not the whole manual. I don't have the set, but do have the separate power supply/plate modulator unit for it, which I would like to use with other gear. Will pay copying and postage of course.
Can anyone help?

Thanks! Bill WB8YUW

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 19:43:45 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 17:04:59 -0600
Message-Id: <9503241859.AA00855@kali>
From: Andy Wallace <wallace@mc.com>
Subject: Favorite radios by decade

Here's a question which may get some interesting responses. (Make 'em

to the List.)

What is your favorite radio receiver and/or transmitter, by decade? For instance, my votes might be:

1930s: ???? / ????
1940s: ???? / ????
1950s: National HRO-50 / Johnson Ranger
1960s: Drake 2-B / Johnson Invader 200
1970s: Drake R-4B / ?????

Feel free to add comments, and you might want to state whether the vote is based on a pleasant experience with one, appearance, or performance. Or just nostalgia.

--Andy

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 22:14:08 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 19:26:46 -0600
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9503241734.A5107-0100000@netcom20>
From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>
Subject: Re: Favorite radios by decade

> Here's a question which may get some interesting responses. (Make 'em
> to the List.) ^^^
will

>
> What is your favorite radio receiver and/or transmitter, by decade?
>
> 1930s: ???? / ????
> 1940s: SX-28 / ARC-5
> 1950s: Collins 75A series / Collins 32V series
> 1960s: Collins 75S series / Collins 32S series
> 1970s: Drake TR-4
> 1980s: See 1950s and 1960s. I'm too damn cheap to buy anything new.
> 1990s: See 1980s above. The stuff I own is so far out it's in.

There, you have my \$498.56 worth (two cents in the 1930s in 1995 dollars.)
:-)

73

Paul WA6OKQ

And I don't care if the bozo over at Ham Radio Outlet thinks I'm a codeless tech, I'm still not going to BUY one of them stinkin' vanity call signs!

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 20:18:02 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 17:34:57 -0600
Message-Id: <69125.morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>
From: "Roy Morgan" <morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FS 75S-3B

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>From: Hugo Perez <Hugo_Perez@f239.n109.z1.fidonet.org>
Path: dove.nist.gov!uunet!in1.uu.net!blkcat.fidonet.org!
p99.f42.n109.z1.fidonet.org!f42.n109.z1.fidonet.org!f239.n109.z1.fidonet.org!not-
for-mail
Date: Wed, 22 Mar 1995 19:16:00 -0500
Subject: FS 75S-3B
Collins receiver 75S-3B (round) very good condition, clean \$425.00
E-mail: lml@gcr.com

----- Forwarded message ends here -----

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Roy --

Roy Morgan / Tech A-266 / NIST / Gaithersburg MD 20899
(National Institute of Standards and Technology, formerly NBS)
301-975-3254 Fax: 301-948-6213 Internet: morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 07:46:04 1995
Date: Thu, 23 Mar 1995 11:39:16 -0600
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9503230947.A24895-0100000@netcom3>
From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>
Subject: Interesting tidbit

Hello anybody,

While cruising through this mornings Wall Street Journal, I came upon the ticker listing for Comsat. It's CQ! I had to smile a little bit. I wonder if a ham picked that one.

Paul

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 23:03:49 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 20:27:05 -0600
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950324181545.4294E-100000@coyote.rain.org>
From: "Ray L. Mote" <rmote@rain.org>
Subject: R-390's (contracts, etc.)

A friend of mine in Memphis is also hot on the R-390/R-390A contracts, particularly the small Navy contracts. He mentioned that Helena Rubenstein bid and won on a small contract, had to hire an engineer to tell them how to set up a production line, and ended up having Collins build them as a subcontractor! He's also a real whiz at rebuilding the things. (He ought to be -- he was a Navy radio operator/technician during WW2 and a darned good one.) He has no Internet access, and would like to be contacted by others interested in the contract thread to exchange information. He is:

Walter Chambers ("Wally")
P.O. Box 241371
Memphis, TN 38124-1371
(901) 761-9381.

I met him through my efforts chasing down WW2 equipment and manuals, and he's a veritable gold mine of information (AND "war stories"). He's both knowledgeable and a heck of a nice guy.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 20:17:10 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 17:44:35 -0600
Message-Id: <9503242140.AA01117@edvac>
From: steve@hi.com (Steve Byan)
Subject: Re: R-390A ?s...

> Second q: Does Fair or Nebraska Surp. or other source sell the function
> switch (off-std by-agc, etc...)... This rig is acting a little funny at
> start-up and won't turn off sometimes (need to fiddle), and have traced
> it somewhat back to the switch (it buzzes irrationally). I cleaned it off
> with Deoxit but I think the problem may be in the microswitch(?) attached
> to the actual rotary unit. Unfortunately that tiny black box is sealed.

Dallas Lankford wrote an article about fixing this glitch in the
microswitch in the IRCA's DX Monitor several months back; maybe in the
fall.

I think the article appeared in the NRC Dx News, too.

I don't remember the fix, but if you'll remind me sometime in April, after I
get back home, I'll dig out the article for you and send you a copy.

Regards,
-Steve

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Mar 25 01:03:30 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 22:03:47 -0600
Message-Id: <76597@w5ddl.aara.org>

From: n5off@w5ddl.aara.org
Subject: R-390A attn: Wally Chambers

This is a repeat of a note i got from a gentleman on the Helena Rubenstein R-390A contract.

Pls forward to Wally Chambers by sneaker net.

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Message #61
Date: 07 Jan 95 15:52:00 UTC
>From: n1pg@n4yrz.va.usa.na
To: n5off@k5arh.la.usa
Subject: R-390A RCVRS

Path: N5UXT!W5KSI!K4CJX!W4NPX!N4YRZ

>From: N1PG@N4YRZ.VA.USA.NA
To : N5OFF@K5ARH.LA.USA

Hi, Tom:

Read your bulletin ref R-390A's with interest. I am retired from the Navy, 24 years service in electronics. In 1956, I conducted the first field test on the Collins R-390 (not 390A), so have had a long-time interest in that series. Used and maintained and repaired R-390/R-390A until I retired in 1975.

The most unusual R-390A that I ever saw bore a builders label indicating that the Manufacturer was Helena Rubenstein (the cosmetic maker). Regret that due to passage of time, and lost correspondence/notes, I am not able to identify better than the manufacturer.

In 1960, I was stationed at the Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven, Germany, in the Research and Development Department. We received 3 R390A's Bearing the Helena Rubenstein label. I do remember that it was a Navy Contract, as opposed to Army, AF, etc.

The label was so unusual that I wrote several letters to track down the story. Here's what I got from a friend at Collins Radio, the original developer. Rubenstein decided to diversify into electronics, and since military contracts was where the money was, they bid on a contract for 80 R-390A rcvrs. At that time, they did not have on their staff a single electronics engineer, so they bid a ridiculously low price. Low Bidder won!

Then they hired an engineer to set up an assembly line. He told them how much the whole thing would cost and they almost fainted. Rather than spend the money, they bought 80 R-390A's off the shelf from Collins for some exorbitant price, put their own labels on them, delivered them to the Navy and promptly forgot about going into electronics.

I'm sorry I cannot provide any further info about this batch of R-390A's but thought you might like this info as a sidelight on the History of the receiver.

73
Harry
N1PG

73 de tom n5off

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 08:20:57 1995
Date: Thu, 23 Mar 1995 07:00:41 -0600
Message-Id: <9503231256.AA29410@netman>
From: Grant Youngman <gyoungma@gtetel.com>
Subject: Restoring Hammertone Cabinet Finish??

Has anyone tried a product called "Hammerite" to refinish a metal cabinet with a hammertone-style finish? Is there anything else I should look for that you have tried and found acceptable?

Thanks .. Grant/NQ5T

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 10:51:41 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 08:00:43 -0600
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9503240705.A22797-0100000@jaws.gtetel.com>
From: Grant Youngman <gyoungma@gtetel.com>
Subject: RE: Restoring Hammertone Cabinet Finish??

On Thu, 23 Mar 1995, Kenan, Larry wrote:

> I think that Hammerite is a British brandname, at least I used to see
> it advertised on the tellie over there about two years ago.
> Is it available in the U.S.?
>
> Larry Kenan - KD6CKR
>

I found it at ACE hardware - in 8 oz. spray cans, 1 QT and 1 GAL containers.

Grant/NQ5T

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 13:19:41 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 10:39:01 -0600
Message-Id: <950324163636_71333.144_DHQ91-1@CompuServe.COM>
From: don merz <71333.144@compuserve.com>
Subject: SS BSSG-1 FS

For Sale: Offers and trades are welcome.

CONTACT: Don Merz, N3RHT: 47 Hazel Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.
412-234-8819.
71333.144@compuserve.com

LATEST ADDITIONS

This is the latest additions to a lengthy list posted on Compuserve in HAMNET Library 10 in the file RADIOS.TXT.

Squires Sanders BSSG-1 Spectrum Generator. Precision test instrument used to test the signal-to-noise, frequency calibration and relative gain of LF/MF/HF receivers, multicouplers and antenna systems. The output of the BSSG-1 is a line spectrum or comb with the lines spaced at precise 50 or 100khz intervals (or any interval with external drive). The output range is 100khz through 30mhz at precisely controlled voltages from 1 to 1000 microvolts (plus or minus 2db) at 50 ohms. The BSSG-1 is also useful for evaluating filter networks and makes measuring receiver sensitivity easy across the full range of the radio. This one is in excellent cosmetic and working condition. I'd prefer an interesting trade or make an offer.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 19:43:51 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 17:08:10 -0600
Message-Id: <MAILQUEUE-101.950324153550.640@villas.uwex.edu>
From: "Terry O'Laughlin" <OLAUGHLIN@villas.uwex.edu>
Subject: Stuff For Sale/Trade

My good friend Jack Meyers of Portland, OR acquired a quantity of Heathkit, military and ham gear for which he has no use.

My first post on this netted zero replies. Therefore Jack wants it known that he is:

OPEN FOR OFFERS

CLEARING OUT THE BENTON HARBOR HOMEBREWS

I'll personally guarantee that he'll give you a brutally honest description of anything he's got for sale.

Please contact him directly!

Heathkit: ALL ITEMS OBO

SB-630	Station Console	\$75.00
HD-1250	Grid Dipper	55.00
IM-3127	Decade Cap Box	20.00
HN-31	Antenna Resistor (RF Dummy Load) .	15.00
HM-2102	Wattmeter/SWR	30.00
IM-17	VOM	17.00
IG-72	Audio Generator	35.00
IP-18	Regulated Supply (1-15VDC/500mA) .	17.00
HW-29A	Sixer	35.00
HD-16	Code Practice Oscillator	7.00
IT-27	Transistor/Diode Checker	5.00
IT-18	In-Circuit Transistor Checker	20.00
GD-121	Intercom, Master Station	21.00
GD-131	Intercom, Remote Station (4 units)	25.00 or \$6.25 each

Military: ALL ITEMS OBO

TS-173/UR	90-180 mHz Signal Generator ...	75.00
CLB-60007	Capacitance/Resistance Bridge .	75.00
BC-639	100-160mHz w/ pwr supply	75.00
R-466/UC	Receiver, Carrier Telegraph for Teletype	50.00

Miscellaneous: ALL ITEMS OBO

Zenith Transoceanic (needs alignment, cosmetically bad)	\$50.00
E.F. Johnson Antenna Coupler (uses plug-in coils, none available, has large 492pF @ 4,000V variable caps)	40.00
Ameco TX-62 6 and 2 meter AM transmitter	75.00

You can reach him at:

Jack Meyers
2656 N. Halleck
Portland, OR 97217
503-283-0821

73s Terry O' WB9GVB

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 10:20:53 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 07:41:52 -0600
Message-Id: <Pine.SGI.3.90.950324083524.24653B-100000@umbc7.umbc.edu>
From: Bill Robie <robie@umbc.edu>
Subject: Timonium Hamfest

Since the Timonium (edge of Baltimore, MD) hamfest is this weekend, it might be interesting for us to revive the practice established at Richmond, and identify ourselves in some way.

As I recall, the original plan was to carry a card with "BA" on it in a shirt pocket, but then someone figured that might identify someone as a BA enthusiast to a vendor, thus making negotiations less flexible. How about we use either "BA" or "@"? Seems as if both are easily recognized ...

Hope to see you there.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Mar 25 00:05:09 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 20:32:38 -0600
Message-Id: <Pine.3.05.9503242120.A29325-8100000@booz.bah.com>
From: k1zat@bah.com
Subject: Re: Timonium Hamfest

Some of us will be on two meters with hand holds; I'll be on 146.535

jd

On Fri, 24 Mar 1995, Bill Robie wrote:

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 11:03:06 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 08:04:21 -0600
Message-Id: <9503241354-AA21250@uvs1.orl.mmc.com>
From: padgett@tccslr.dnet.mmc.com (A. Padgett Peterson, P.E. Information Security)
Subject: RE: Trans-Oceanic Book Review (long)

Really wish I could see this or even be able to reply directly but all I got was 20 lines and my mailer does not preserve most of the header (unless an address is in the body I do not see it) Rich, please E-mail to padgett@tccslr.dnet.mmc.com

BTW do not know if my earlier message on E.S.R.C. a tube vendor from Delray Beach, Florida who is supposed to be at Timonium and Dayton went out, but would like to know if anyone has had experience with him.

Paid for a number of tubes (1L6, 1U6 - not cheap) he "had in his shop" over a month ago & have received neither tubes, refund, or apology.

Somewhat heated,
Padgett

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 13:04:15 1995
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 10:04:39 -0600
Message-Id: < Pine.3.89.9503240907.A17251-0100000@ozarks>
From: "C. Frank Gilmore" <fgilmore@ozarks.sgcl.lib.mo.us>
Subject: RE: Trans-Oceanic Book Review (long)

Book review did not come through here either...just the announcement about it.

Glad to be warned about that tube dealer. I had a bad experience with RF Parts but they finally made good on it after many long distance calls and letters. Would not order anything from them again.

de K0JPJ ex-W5PVX -

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Padgett

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Mar 25 00:53:10 1995

Date: Fri, 24 Mar 1995 21:49:27 -0600

Message-Id: <950324224754_60474923@aol.com>

From: K7YHA@aol.com

Subject: Trans-Oceanic Book Review..Long

Last weekend, at the 8th Annual SWL Winterfest, I received Dr. Harold Cones' book about the history of the Zenith Trans-Oceanic. I was going to provide the list with an abbreviated copy of the review that is being sent to Monitoring Times. However, AOL will not let me send a file since it does not offer this feature. I will try to get it out via EPIX later next week, as soon as I set up the account. In the mean time, here are some comments regarding "The Trans-Oceanic the Royalty of Radio" by Dr. Cones and Prof. Bryant.

The book is done on high quality paper stock and is very well laid out featuring many color and black and white pix of various Zenith T-0 models and companion receivers plus advertisements for the T-0 receivers. Having complete access to Zenith's corporate records along with Commander McDonald's personal files, Cones & Bryant present the reader with a highly accurate account the early radio industry in the US and an unparalleled look at the genius behind Zenith Radio Corporation..

Commander Eugene McDonald, Jr., is the man behind Zenith and the man behind the Trans-Oceanic. A noted Artic explorer, sailor, inventor, master salesman, and adventurer, "The Commander" wanted a radio receiver that would fit into his lifestyle. Toward the late 1930s, McDonald charged his engineers with the task of designing and producing a portable SW receiver that would allow him to keep abreast of the changing political situation in Europe, prior to WWII.

The Zenith engineers added SW tuned circuitry to various models of AM BCST receivers and finally hit upon the desired combination of features that the Commander wanted. It was ready for production just prior to the Xmas season in 1942. Limited numbers (about 30,000) of these Trans-Oceanic Clippers were produced prior to Zenith altering their production facilities to support the war effort.

Many T-0s went to war with service men on both fronts. Letters from GIs to the Zenith factory stating the ruggedness of the T-0 became common place during WWII and later Korea. These letters formed the basis of a mystical love affair with, what many considered, an indestructable radio. Never one to miss an opportunity to promote the Zenith product line, The Commander used them in advertising copy during and after both wars.

While the history of Zenith and Commander McDonald makes for fascinating

reading, the real meat of the book is the mass of highly detailed information provided on each and every model of T-0 produced from 1942 until the last transistor model rolled off the Taiwan assembly lines in 1981. Cones & Bryant really did their research and provide the collector/restorer with an absolutely indispensable volume on the history of tube and transistor model T-0s and their companion receivers. Each receiver is featured with a complete run down on production dates, number produced, changes in styling and electrical characteristics, band coverage and price.

Toward the back of the book, there is a chapter on how to restore a T-0, listing many of the secrets of the trade. Virtually anyone with average motor skills and some electronics knowledge can successfully restore one of these Royal Radios.

So what's the rarest T-0? Actually it is a militarized version of the 600 series, made in 1956. Only 2973 were produced and the official military designation was: R-520A/URR. This is the SECOND military version, the first one being the R-520/URR, a militarized H-500 circa 1953/54.

About the only thing I disliked about this book was the type size. Most of us who remember the tube T-0s now need bi or trifocals and the small print used by the publisher can make for tiresome reading.

I spotted only one glaring error: to do with companion receivers. On page 67 and 68 the book details a set of companion receivers, the Universal (6G001Y) and the Global (6G004Y) that were produced for the 1946 product line in conjunction with the 8G005Y Trans-Oceanic. Page 67 shows a photo of the Universal (an AM BCST only receiver). There is no picture of the Global (AM BCST plus 9.5 to 12.1 MHz SW). The description of the Global on page 68 lists it as an exceedingly rare companion receiver that, according to Zenith records, was offered only in 1946. No production numbers were available. I called Dr. Cones and told him if he needed a photo of a Global, that I would provide one for his second printing. I am restoring Zenith Global (6G004Y) S/N B-19026!

Bottom line: I LIKE this book! It is moderately expensive: \$25.95 and is available from The Radio Professors, P.O. Box 592, Stillwater, OK 74076. It is not only a factual account of the Zenith Trans-Oceanic product line from start to finish, but it is an extremely interesting read. If you like nostalgia, are a radio collector/restorer, or just like a glimpse of a bygone era, get this book.

73 rich

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Mar 24 21:10:56 1995
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From: bwb%csrvcs1.triad.com%triada.triad.com@triada.triad.com (Bruce Bacon)
Subject: Tube Dealers

In a previous message, C. Frank Gilmore said:

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| Glad to be warned about that tube dealer. I had a bad experience with RF
| Parts but they finally made good on it after many long distance calls and
| letters. Would not order anything from them again.
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I've had pretty good luck with International Components Corporation
(800-645-9154). They advertise in Amateur Radio Trader. Be sure and
mention the prices listed in ART, or you'll get the "regular price".
Ordered my tubes via the phone and they got to my door after 2 weeks.
Well packed and they all worked. Pretty decent prices.

73,

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-Bruce Bacon KE6GLS (replies to - bwb@triad.com) Livermore, CA

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From: padgett@tccslr.dnet.mmc.com (A. Padgett Peterson, P.E. Information Security)
Subject: Vendors

Am having an "experience" those of you attending Timonium might want to
be aware of:

At the Orlando "Hamification" in mid-Feb. there was a vendor from Delray
Beach Florida called "E.S.R.C" with a large display of tubes and some manuals
in the main building (I purchased the RCA Receiving Tube Manual reprint from
him).

When I asked about 1L6s and 1U6s he said that he had sold the last but he had
three of each at his shop and he would be happy to send them to me. The price
was \$10 each - good for NOS 1L6s, high for 1U6s IMHO). I gave him a deposit and
sent a check for the balance the next week. This was cashed in Feb. so I know
he had been there.

About three weeks ago with no tubes (Delray is less than 200 miles away) I
became concerned and attempted to phone him repeatedly, hitting an answering
machine each time. Last Wed. he finally called back after I left a pointed
comment (I have family about ten miles from him). He claimed the tubes had
been mailed and to give him a call if they did not arrive by this Tuesday.
They did not and the answering machine was all I hit that afternoon.

He said he would be at Timonium this weekend & I still have neither tubes

nor a refund. Caveat y'all (would be interested to know if he has either 1L6s or 1U6s there & for how much).

Warmly,
Padgett

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Subject: Re: Vendors

Padgett and friends,

Not to defend the tube dealer, but I have had some awful experiences lately getting packages from point A to point B via the US Mail. It is taking 6 weeks on average to get a parcel post package from here to there.

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Paul WA6OKQ

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Subject: WTB FRR-59 manual

I am looking for a manual for the FRR-59 (WRR-2). I will try calling NTIS if someone can give me the publication number (they don't know what a navships number is). If I can't get an original, I'll take a copy...

tnx
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From: Cal Eustaquio <ceustaqua@ohm.elee.calpoly.edu>
Subject: WTB: Collins 75-A4 speaker (270-G3?)

I'm looking for a Collins 75-A4 speaker (I think its the model 270-G3 but correct me if I'm wrong). I will pay your fair asking price or trade for equipment of similar value (see my previous posts). I appreciate your responses. Thanks. Cal, N6KYR